April 17, 1960

Mr. Buckley Maits
Media, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

The enclosed is truthful. I drafted it in this form instead of as a letter because if you have no interest in it, I am sure the Frederick paper will have. It gave the girls' project a full column on the front pate with a three-column cut and it gave a good play to the poaching of my ducks, more about which when I see you. The duck incident also made Time Magazine and Life had some interest in the science fair project but didn't do anything.

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I expect to be in Wilmington Thursday and if I am will call you.

Sincerely yours,

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